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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The previous British Government did not take so much interest in the village uplift work as it is being done by the Congress Government. Now, we have set apart about a crore of rupees for this uplift work. We are concentrating our attention upon village uplift work. With this object in view we have started a separate department to go into the question. Therefore we have got to speed up the work."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Have the Government decided to extend the scheme to other firkas?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government have accepted to extend the scheme to more firka areas in about 100 villages."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" When will work start in the extended firkas?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" As early as possible."

Launching of prosecutions under the control orders.

* 101 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether any discretion is given according to the present rules to the Collectors of districts not to launch prosecutions under the various control orders relating to foodgrains or rationing rules in petty and trivial or deserving cases where there is no intention to disobey and indulge in blackmarketing;

(b) if not, whether the Government have under consideration the question of permitting the Collectors of districts to use their discretion in launching such prosecution?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) In view of answer to clause (a), this does not arise."

Distribution of iron, steel and galvanized sheets.

* 102 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the quantity of iron and steel and galvanized iron sheets received from January 1949 up to the end of September 1949;

(b) the quantity that has been allotted for agricultural purposes; and

(c) how it has been distributed among the various districts?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Industries) :—" (a) 12,106 tons of iron and steel and 2,087 tons of galvanized iron sheets.

" (b) 4,390 tons of iron and steel and 499 tons of galvanized iron sheets.